For a resident to be considered for a disability-related housing accommodation at UW-River Falls, all residents are required to have a documented disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Residents should review the basic requirements described below to identify if they meet this criterion before applying.

Under Section 504 of the ADA disability is defined as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, such as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, or working. "Substantially limited" generally means that a person is unable to perform a major life activity that the average person in a general population can perform. The definition also considers any mitigating measures, such as medication, therapy, etc., the person is engaging in that may relieve the substantial limitations caused by the impairment.

1. Resident conducts an intake appointment with the Disability Resource Center to identify needs, barriers, history of disability, and discuss the process.
   Resident report is crucial in aiding in the determination of all disability-related housing accommodation requests.

2. Resident collects and submits documentation to support the need for the request.
   Documentation should be extensive in identifying how the identified disability is affecting the resident.
   Extensive history and documentation on the needs and barriers of the resident should be presented to verify whether the accommodation is required based on their disability-related needs.
   A completed form from a clinician or doctor, does not guarantee approval. Completion of the application means the resident has completed the basic requirements to be considered for review.

3. The Residence Life Disability Housing Accommodation Committee reviews the completed request.
   Once a resident has submitted all completed documentation and the intake appointment, their application will be reviewed for consideration.
   All requests are reviewed bi-monthly by the Residence Life Disability Housing Accommodation Committee.
   Residents will be notified of the decision by the Residence Life Assistant Director of Business Operations and Facilities.

A resident can appeal the decision of a request by completing the “Statement of Appeal Form” and submitting it to the Director of Residence Life. The appeal will be reviewed within 14 days of receipt. The Director of Residence Life will notify the resident of the final decision.